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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert

--PRIOR APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application  
Serial No. 09/242,588 filed May 20, 1999 which is a 371 of  
PCT/FR97/01483 filed August 12, 1997.--

Page 10, after line 13, insert the following new paragraph:

--The vectors I-1765 and I-1766 have both been deposited on  
August 7, 1996 at the CNCM (Collection Nationale de Cultures de  
Microorganismes, Institute Pasteur, 25 Rue du Docteur Roux, F-75724  
Paris, Cedex 15, France (under the Budapest Treaty).--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 and add the following claims.

--28. A fragment of a nucleic acid specific to mycobacteria of  
M. tuberculosis complex having a nucleotide sequence selected from

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